



California Water Plan Groundwater Caucus GROUP CHARTER

Section 1 – Mission, Activities, Importance, Methodology

Group Charge:

The California Water Plan (CWP) Groundwater Caucus is a statewide topic-based workgroup designed to support development of *CWP Update 2013* through in-depth discussions and deliberations of core groundwater topics and issues. The Groundwater Caucus will help expand information associated with statewide and regional groundwater conditions and policy issues in California. The expanded statewide and regional information will help inform local groundwater management planning, actions, and policies, and help create a more fully developed and technically supported set of groundwater related recommendations for *CWP Update 2013*. Building on *CWP Update 2009*, the Groundwater Caucus will provide informational updates to technical project teams, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, and the State Agency Steering Committee.

Parameters:

- ◆ The group will work within the context of existing water laws and regulations. While limitations and trade-offs to the current situation may be discussed, it will not be the focus of the deliberations.
- ◆ Project deliverables for *CWP Update 2013* will be based on the best existing and available data, information, and analyses from state, regional and local efforts and planning activities.

Activities:

Content for the groundwater content enhancement portion of *CWP Update 2013* is being provided by DWR technical work teams, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, the State Agency Steering Committee, Regional Forum participants, IRWM groups, and Groundwater Caucus members. The table below outlines the technical scope of DWR Groundwater Content Enhancement Initiative deliverables and the Caucus team focus. The Work Team develops technical content, and the Caucus team reviews and provides input to the technical content, reviews approach, and makes policy recommendations.

Scope

Deliverables	Caucus Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Compile groundwater information◆ Summarize groundwater conditions and management activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies.

Deliverables	Caucus Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identify data gaps and provide recommendations for future data needs and collection and analysis efforts. ◆ Estimate change in groundwater storage for sufficiently characterized basins; provide recommendations for basins where further data characterization is required before such calculation is appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Present Case Studies based on available information including key aspects of basin/regional groundwater characterization and conditions, water resources planning and data collection efforts, and implementation of effective management strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Review list of case studies planned for inclusion in <i>CWP Update 2013</i>; review case study approach and make recommendations on potential options.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Inventory and describe potential for conjunctive management of groundwater and other supplies. ◆ Inventory and describe potential for groundwater banking and integrated flood management. ◆ Develop sustainability indicators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Evaluate policy considerations and make recommendations as appropriate. ◆ Provide input as appropriate on planned objectives, guidelines, and/or approach.

For More information about the Group Activities, please contact

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NOTE – ALL Water Plan Groups operate with the same standard ground rules and related charter language. For more information contact the group facilitator at: Lisa.Beutler@us.mwhglobal.com.